

# 3rd Quarter Earnings Conference Call

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## 3rd Quarter 2002 Highlights



- Earned adjusted \$0.77 EPS
- Net debt reduction of \$6.8B in quarter; \$11.5B YTD
- Revenue growth of 0.6% vs. 3Q'01
- Operating Income grew 5.5% vs. 3Q'01
- EBITDA margins increased 40 BPS to 43.2% vs. 3Q'01
- Key Growth Metrics
  - 1.1M Wireless retail net adds
  - 804K LD net adds
  - 155K DSL net adds

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2002 - Adjusted Financial Highlights



	3rd Quarter	<u>Change</u>
■Adjusted EPS	\$0.77	2.7%
■Revenues	\$17.1B	0.6%
■Cash Expense	\$9.7B	(0.1%)
<b>EBITDA</b>	\$7.4B	1.4%
■EBITDA Margins	43.2%	40 basis points increase
■Operating Income	\$4.0B	5.5%
<b>■</b> Wireless Revenues	\$5.0B	10.2%
■Telecom Cash Expense	\$5.8B	(3.3%)
■Free Cash Flow	\$2.4B	120% increase vs. 3Q'01
■YTD Cash Flow Per Share	\$2.91	YTD Increase of \$2.68
■Net Debt	\$51.8B	\$11.5B YTD Reduction
<b>□</b> Commercial Paper	\$3.5B	\$9.3B YTD Reduction
LCAPEX	\$2.6B	\$4.4B YTD Reduction

### Earnings Reconciliation

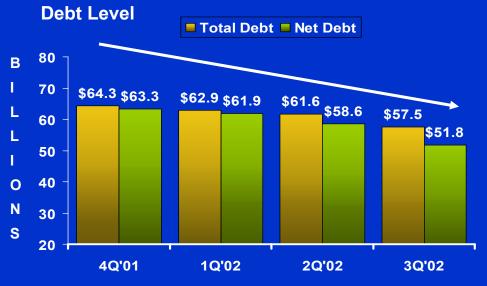


Reported Earnings per Share	\$1.60	
Gain on Sale of Access Lines	(.56)	
Tax Benefits	(.36)	
Gain on Sale of TCNZ Shares	(80.)	
Pension Settlements & Other	.12	
Cable & Wireless Loss	.03	
Transition Costs	02	

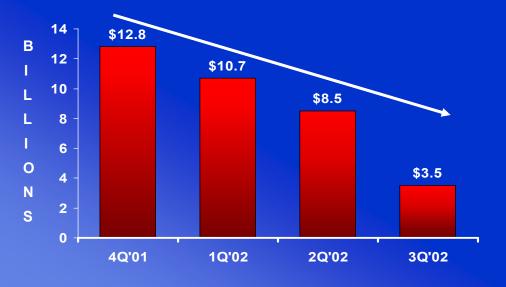
Earnings per Share before Non-Recurring Items \$.77

# Significant Debt Reduction





#### **Commercial Paper**



### **Highlights:**

#### **Quarter**

- Net Debt Reduced \$6.8B or 11.6%
- CP Reduced \$5.0B or 59%

#### **YTD**

- Net Debt Reduced \$11.5B or 18%
- CP Reduced \$9.3B or 73%

### **Year End Targets:**

- Net Debt \$55B \$56B
- CP \$3.5B \$4.5B

### Sources of Debt Reduction



Net Debt at 12/31/01: \$63.3B

Free Cash from Operations

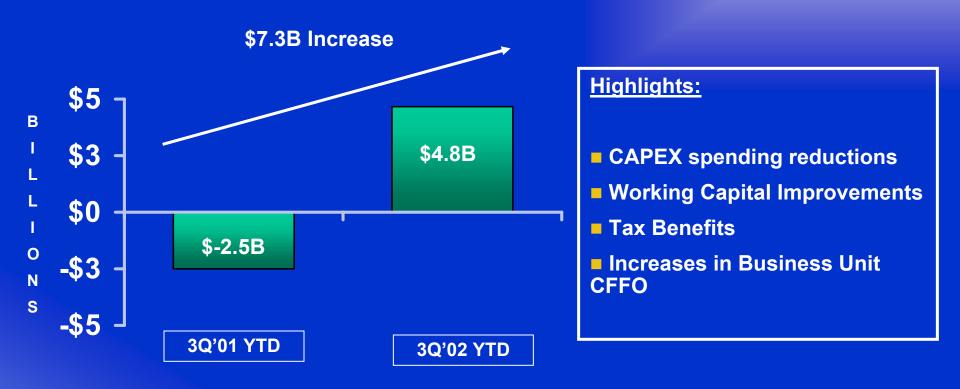
**Asset Sales** 

**Return of Nextwave Auction Deposit** 

Targeted Net Debt at 12/31/02: \$55B - \$56B

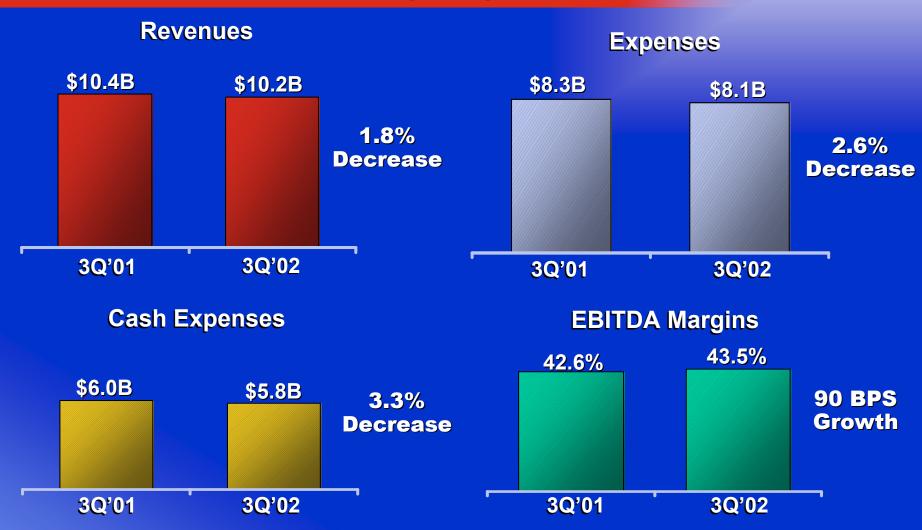
### Free Cash Flow





# Telecom - 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Highlights





Expense management driving EBITDA growth

## Telecom -Business Unit Revenues - 3Q YTD



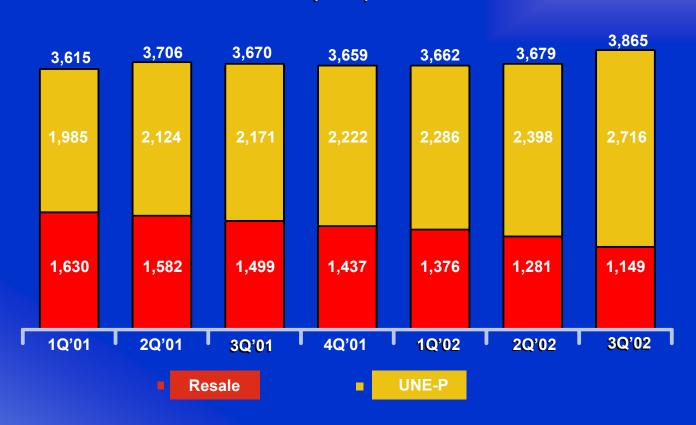


Focus on what we can control

### UNE-P/Resale Competition



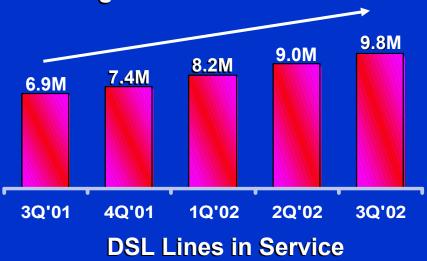
UNE-P & Resale Lines (000's)



### Telecom - Growth Metrics



### **Long Distance Subscribers**



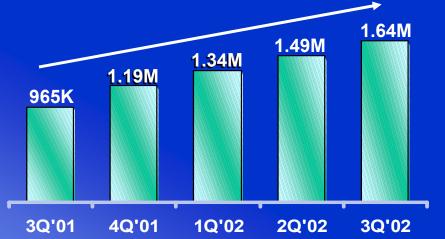
44% Growth 3Q'02 vs. 3Q'01

28% LD Revenue Growth Y/Y

LD - Billion dollar+ Business

Virginia Decision expected by 10/30

Maryland, West Virginia & DC Filed with FCC by Year-end



70% Growth 3Q'02 vs. 3Q'01

Net adds of 155K

Lines adjusted by Qtr. for A/L sale impact

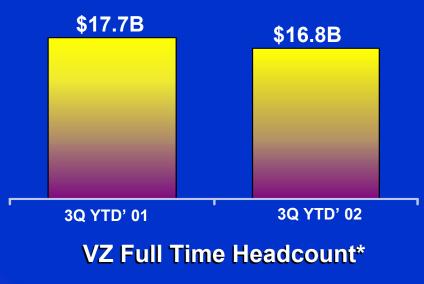
On track to hit year end target

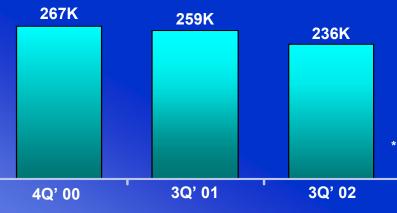
Sustained Growth

## Outstanding Cost Management



### **Telecom Cash Expense**





#### Cash Expense

5.0% Decrease - YTD'02 vs. YTD'01

\$1.2B Annual Run Rate Decrease

#### **Headcount**

11.6% Decrease in F/T Headcount - Since 4Q'00

31,000 F/T Headcount Reduction - Since 4Q'00

\*Restated for Sale of Access Lines

Focus on Process & Productivity

### Telecom Summary



- Competition
  - Continued growth in Consumer
  - Veriations off to a strong start
  - Emerging Enterprise opportunity
- Cash Management
  - Continued focus on productivity enhancements
  - Productivity initiatives drive EBITDA growth
- Regulatory
  - 271 progress continues
  - Focus on changing the UNE-P process
- Efficient & success based Capital spending

# Wireless – 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Highlights

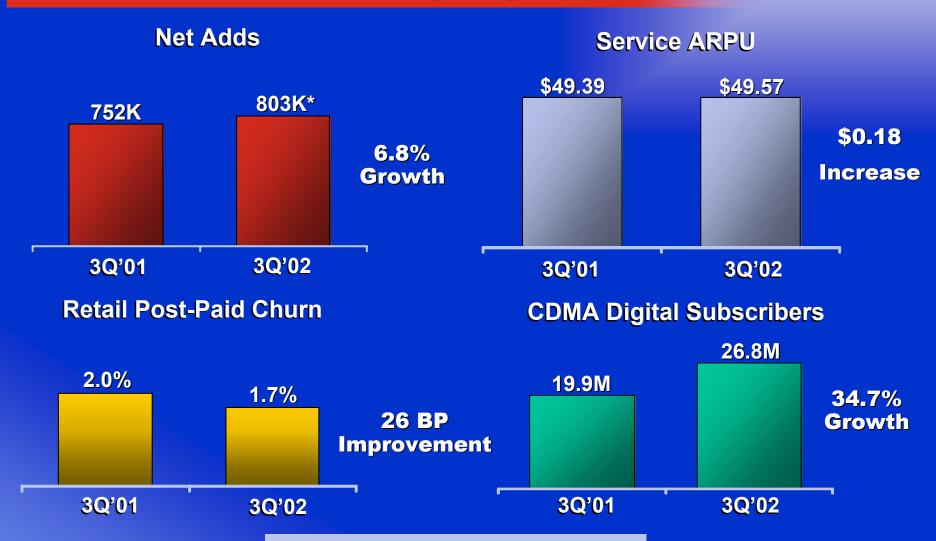




**EBITDA Margin of 39%** 

# Wireless – 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Highlights





<sup>\*</sup> Does not include the Price acquisition of 411K

Strong Performance

### Wireless Net Adds / Churn



<u>Net Adds</u> (000's)	<u>3Q'02</u>	<u>3Q'01</u>	
Retail	1,131	746	
Reseller	<u>(20)</u>	<u>16</u>	
Subtotal	1,111	762	46% Increase
WCOM reseller	<u>(308)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	
Net Adds	803	752	
Price acquisition	<u>411</u>	<u>=</u>	
Total	1,214	752	
<u>Churn</u>	<u>3Q'02</u>	<u>3Q'01</u>	
Total	2.3%	2.2%	
Retail	2.0%	2.2%	
Retail Post-paid	1.7%	2.0%	

**Gaining Market Share** 

### **Customer Profile**





31.5M Customers

#### Base:

- Largest number of digital customers 26.8M
- Primarily contract, retail, digital
- Retention / Loyalty
- 1X Rollout
- Text Messaging 257M Billed messages in 3Q 40% sequential growth

# Wireless – Operating Efficiency



### Cash Operating Cost Per User



### **Focus Areas**

- Systems Consolidation
- Customer Service Automation
- Staffing Efficiencies
- Network Technology

### Wireless Summary



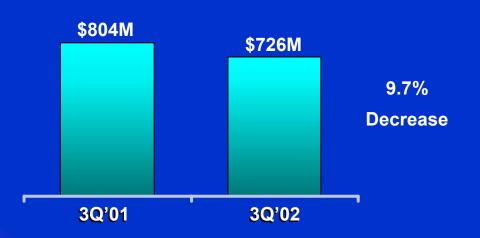
- Quality subscriber base
- Industry leading performance
- 1X rollout progressing
- Data Products delivered over quality network

Innovation & Quality Driving Market Leadership

### International/Information Services



#### **International Revenue**



 Revenue performance primarily driven by Codetel, PRTC & lusacell - weak economy impacts results

### **Information Services Revenue**



Print Directory & E-Commerce performing favorably

# Third Quarter Summary



- Operational efficiencies & service quality
- New product launch
- Strong cost management
- Free cash flow generation
- Debt reduction strategy on track

Solid Execution in Challenging Environment

### 2002 Outlook



**Revenue Growth** 

(1)% - 0

**EPS** 

\$3.05 - \$3.09

**Capital Expenditures** 

\$12.3 - \$12.7B

**Net Debt** 

\$55 - \$56B

### Focused On Our Business Model



- Sources of New Revenue Growth
- Generation of Free Cash Flow
- Debt Reduction Strategy
- Improved Capital Returns
- Sustainable Cost / Productivity Gains
- Outstanding Management Depth

Creating Shareholder Value